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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Petition of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Declaratory
Ruling Pursuant to Sec 227.41 Wis. Stats. Regarding Renewables

6630-DR-102

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Comments Due: Friday, September 8, 2000 – Noon	Address Comments To: Paul C. Helgeson, Case Coordinator Electric Division Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854 FAX (608) 266-3957
FAX Due: Thursday, September 7, 2000 – Noon	

THIS IS A PROCEEDING on a petition for a declaratory ruling, under Wis. Stat. § 227.41, filed June 1, 2000, by Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO).

The petition asks the Commission to make a determination that:

- (1) an anaerobic manure digester system is a renewable resource;
- (2) the cost to WEPCO is recoverable in its rates through the fuel adjustment mechanism;
- (3) procurement of renewable energy in excess of the levels mandated by law, is a recoverable expense through the company's fuel adjustment mechanism.

Wis. Stat. § 196.378(1)(h) 2 defines "renewable resource" as "Any other resource, except a conventional resource, that the commission designates as a renewable resource in rules promulgated under sub. (4)." Wis. Stat. § 196.378(2)(d) provides for the recovery in rates of costs associated with the provision of renewable energy.

Persons may submit comments on whether or not the Commission should entertain the petition; if so, whether there are other persons who should be made parties to this proceeding; and if the proceeding can be decided on a stipulation of facts or some process other than an

evidentiary hearing under Wis. Stats. ch. 227. After considering the comments, the Commission will determine whether to accept the petition.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Any person who desires to file comments should submit an original and 15 copies as indicated in the box on page 1. Members of the public need only file an original. These comments must be received by noon on Friday, September 8, 2000. Comments by fax are due one day earlier. Fax filing cover sheets must state "Official Filing" and include the docket number and the number of pages (limit of 20 pages). File by one mode only.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10 (3). No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Paul C. Helgeson at (608) 266-3905.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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